bureaucracy to the competent court in "Judicial review" for the result of an action done or decision taken in a given case-held that "the head of the department/designate officer is ultimately responsible and accountable to the court" for the action taken;

(b) whether the Government have considered the judgement of the Supreme Court; and

(c) if so, whether any directive has been issued in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) By its order of February 13, 1997 the Supreme Court dismissed a Special Leave Petition by the State of Bihar against the order of the Patna High Court whereunder the High Court had imposed costs personally against the respondent for non-compliance of the order of the High Court within the period of two months specified by the High Court. In disposing of the above case the Supreme Court had observed, inter-alia, that " the bureaucracy is also accountable for the acts done in accordance with the rules when judicial review is called to be exercised by the Courts. The hierarchical responsibility for the decision is their in-built discipline. But the head of the Department/designated officer is ultimately responsible and accountable to the Court for the result of the action done or decision taken

(b) Government are aware of this judgement.

(c) No, Sir.

Fruit based Industries

3957. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fruits based food processing industries in the country, State-wise;

(b) the scheme formulated by the Union Government to encourage the fruit processing industry in future; and

(c) the norms fixed by the Government to set up a food processing industry in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) The total number of fruit and vegetable based food processing industries licensed under the Fruit Products Order as on 1st Jan., 1997 was 4674. The State-wise data is not maintained because a manufacturer under one address can have relabelling facilities in various States.

(b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries has formulated various plan schemes for implementation during the 8th Plan period for the development of fruit & vegetable processing industries, the details of which are given in the attached Statement. Similar schemes are proposed to be continued in the 9th Five Year Plan.

(c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up any food processing unit directly in any State.

Statement

Details of the Plan Schemes Formulated for Implementation during the Eight Plan Period

S.No.	Name of the Plan Schemes
1.	Scheme for Food Processing and Training Centres in Rural Area
2.	Scheme for Assistance to State Government Undertakings and Cooperatives for Establishing or Upgrading of Fruit and Vegetable Processing facilities.
3.	Scheme for strengthening backward linkages for the Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries.
4.	Scheme for Development of infrastructure for Mushroom cultivation and processing.
5.	Scheme for development and processing of hops.
6.	Scheme for generic advertising of processing food and for providing marketing assistance.
7.	Scheme for research and development in food and vegetable processing.
8.	Assistance for infrastructure for fruit and vegetable products (From 1993-94).

[Translation]

Inclusion of Block

3958. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any proposals to the Union Government seeking inclusion of some more Blocks under employment Assurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the number of such Blocks; and

(c) the number of Blocks of Sabhal parliamentary Constituency proposed to be included under this Scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of Uttar Pradesh requested for inclusion of all the remaining 291 blocks of the State under EAS including all the blocks of Sabhal Parliamentary Constituency. All the remaining blocks in the country are proposed to be covered during 1997-98.

Processing of wastes

3959. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any units for collecting and processing wastes have been set up in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No units for collecting and processing wastes have been set up in Orissa by this Ministry and the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources.

(b) Does not arise.

Assured Water Supply

3960. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the States where Centrally sponsored Assured Water Supply Schemes are being implemented;

(b) whether the said scheme is being implemented in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the total hectares of land brought under the Assured Water Supply Scheme so far; and

(d) the position of other States where this scheme is being implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) No such scheme is being implemented.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Health Hazards Process of Pepsi Bottles

3961. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the plastic pepsi bottles from the United States are being dumped in India where they are processed under unsafe conditions;

(b) whether such bottles are stockpiled in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to prevent the use of such bottles as they are posing health hazards for the workers engaged in the bottling and transport of cold drinks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (c) There are no restrictions for the import of PET bottles waste under the current. Export Policy as a scrap. The PET bottles when used for the packaging of food are required to conform to the standards laid down under the Prevention of Food Adultration Act. No manufacturer can undertake the bottling of soft drinks without conforming to the laid down hygenic conditions and without a licence under the Fruit Products Order 1955.

Gas to Fertilizer Plants

3962. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether working of several fertilizer plants along the HBJ pipeline has been paralysed following the reduced supply of gas resulting in a daily loss of production of more than $ 1.5 million;

(b) if so, the details of the plants affected and loss incurred with nature and magitude of the problem;

(c) the details of action taken proposed to be taken to resolve the problem and restore the normal gas supply; and

(d) the present status of the issue and permanent steps proposed to be taken to ensure adequate and regular supply of gas through HBJ pipeline to the fertilizer plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU) : (a) and (b) The supply of gas to the fertilizer plant and other consumers along the HBJ pipeline was affected due to the shutdown taken by ONGC for 23 days in January, 1997. The total supply ex-Hazira was reduced to 14-15 MMSCMD as against the normal supply of around 25 MMSCMD. The loss of production has been estimated to be 2.02 lakh tonnes.

(c) and (d) The pre-shutdown level of supplies has been restored. The supplies will further increase with additional development in Basse in and the commissioning of Tapti fields.

Assembly Resolution

3963. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hon'ble Minister of Tourism of Jammu and Kashmir disclosed at a press conference at Chandigarh that Kashmir propose to bring an official resolution in the coming session of the Assembly to